9 November 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT

: Agency Representative at Fort Brage -

Meeting with General Emerson

REFERENCE

: Letter to Brig. Gen. Henry E. Emerson

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1. I met with Brigadier General Henry E. Emerson, USA, Commanding General, USA JFK Center for Military Assistance, and his Deputy, Colonel James B. Bartholomees, Assistant Commandant, on 3 November 1971 as a follow-up to the referent letter. Despite my preparation to follow a firm line of "we'll help you but cannot provide a representative," I had little diffihad, through Colonel Bartholomees, prepared General Emerson for the Agency's decision to withdraw and not replace him. The General said that he greatly regretted the loss of contribution to the Center's program he praised unreservedly, but he said that he understood the personnel "crunch" of the times and especially the critical needs of so important an operation as that seemed I told General Emerson that we were prepared to continue to assist the Center and would provide him specific points of contact in the Agency through which he could seek the assistance of guest speakers, request Agency publications, provide a contact for any of his men with our Office of Personnel, and maintain a channel with both and OTR. The General obviously appreciated this offer of continued support and expressed his gratitude for this and especially for the Agency's courtesy in sending a representative to discuss this matter with him.

2. I am attaching a proposed letter from the Director of Training outlining the points and manner of contact described to General Emerson. In this connection I offered to visit the Center some six months after departure to see how arrangements were working. The General welcomed the idea, but I do not think such a visit is really expected.

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Nevertheless, I recommend that we maintain a casual contact for a few months after departure. I can do this by calling the Commandant's office and speaking with Colonel Bartholomees. It is opinion, and I am inclined to concur from my brief observation, that the arrangements we are proposing here will probably be used only intermittently during the first six months and gradually the Center will go pretty much its own way.

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Deputy Director of Training

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Brigadier General Henry E. Emerson, USA Commanding General USA JFK Center for Military Assistance Fort Bragg, North Carolina 28307

Dear General Emerson:

In line with your discussion with my deputy,
I would like to identify the following points of contact between the JFK Center
and the Agency to be used upon the departure of our representative,

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For guest speakers and matters of general concern:

For requesting materials, studies, etc.: Central Reference Service in the Agency, or through military channels to the Agency

For matters concerning personnel hiring, etc:

In the event of any special problem not covered by these contacts arises, please call me. Again, I appreciate your cooperation in the matter of release for this very important overseas assignment and your kind reception

HUGH T. CUNNINGHAM Director of Training

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